

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 25 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 26 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021 at 12:27 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for showery weather and colder for a time, then milder with often wet weather from later Saturday, but low for timing of rain on Sunday and Monday.

Headline for Thursday 25 Mar 2021: Mainly dull morning with some showery rain, mountain snow and hill fog, then brighter in afternoon but with some heavier showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 25 Mar 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	50%	60%	40%	70%	60%	50%

Forecast for Thursday 25 Mar 2021

Weather: Clear spells and the odd shower in the early hours, then clouding over later in the night with occasional rain with snow above 700m. This leads into a mostly cloudy morning, with further occasional rain, with the snow level 700m rising 900m. Somewhat brighter in the afternoon and early evening with a few sunny intervals but with some heavy showers passing through, these still of snow on the Munro tops. Remaining showery after dark.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% until late morning then 50% in afternoon and falling 30% in the evening.

Visibility: Moderate, perhaps poor in the morning. General visibility then improving in the afternoon but heavier showers will bring poor visibility at times. Cloud: Layered around 400-600m with lower patches at first with very poor summit visibility, then becoming slightly more more broken bases generally rising 750-900m with a few patches to 500m near showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	29/38 SW	29/39 SW	31/40 SW	30/41 SW	28/40 SW	32/46 S	34/47 S	39/54 S	40/55 S
900	21/31 SW	22/32 SW	22/32 SW	23/33 SW	22/33 SW	23/37 SW	25/38 S	28/43 S	30/45 S
600	25/34 SW	28/36 SW	28/37 SW	28/38 SW	25/36 SW	28/41 SW	30/42 S	33/47 S	34/48 S
300	11/20 SW	15/26 SW	15/26 SW	16/27 SW	17/29 SW	17/30 S	18/33 S	21/37 S	21/37 S
Glen	9/20 SW	12/26 SW	11/24 SW	14/28 SW	15/30 SW	15/31 SW	13/30 S	15/35 S	17/37 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-2/-10	-1/-8	-0/-8	-1/-10	-1/-10	-2/-11
900	-0/-7	-0/-7	-0/-7	0/-6	2/-4	2/-4	2/-5	1/-6	1/-6
600	2/-4	2/-5	2/-5	3/-4	4/-2	5/-1	4/-2	4/-2	4/-3
300	4/0	4/-0	4/-0	5/1	6/2	7/3	7/2	6/1	6/1
Glen	6/3	6/2	6/2	7/3	9/5	9/6	9/6	8/4	8/4
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	900m	1000m	1000m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Summit winds could be 10mph higher than the table shows.

Forecast for Friday 26 Mar 2021

Weather: A spell of heavier rain with snow on the Munro tops overnight, clearing to showers later in night and turning to snow at most levels. Occasional showers during the day with some on the heavy side, with snow falling down to 400m and occasionally wintry to lower levels, most frequent west of the A9. Snow showers down to 200m in the evening.

Maximum wind: South or southwest 50 gusts 75mph in early hours then 40 gusts 55 mph during the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% overnight then 40% by day.

Visibility: Very poor overnight. By day occasionally good but falling poor, perhaps briefly very poor in snow showers. Cloud by day broken at 600-800m but falling 500m in showers with the odd lower patch

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 at daybreak rising to Plus 6 between showers by day then dipping to zero in the evening.
At 800m: Plus 2 at midnight falling to Minus 2 by morning. Temperatures fluctuating by day as showers pass through and the sunshine returns between them.
Freezing level: Above summits at midnight falling to 400m by morning, then fluctuating around that level during the day